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人物(1862年時)



*Fujihira
Touna*

A member of the Yagyu bloodline, he is Ichi's former companion. He had originally been learning the Yagyu Shinkage-Ryu style in an isolated village, but since his blind older brother murdered the entire clan, he has felt responsible, and has thus been chasing after his brother.



Ichi

Both her birthplace and age are completely unknown. Ichi is blind, a result of the abuse she suffered from an early age by her mother. However, she later met Master Yoshitoki, who taught her the way of the sword, allowing her talent to blossom despite her blindness. Her skill with the katana is unmatched throughout history.

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Other Major Characters in Ichi



Misakamune
Misakuni

She is the granddaughter of Ichi's shishou, Misakamune Misakuni. Her strength allows Ichi as she also shows to improve her sword skills. In order to open up Ichi's heart, she is serving as a guide and escort on Ichi's journey.

TV: Misakuni is a girl, but a brother of master as a married son.



Saitou
Hajime

His complete focus on assassination earned him recognition for his skill. However, in the heat of the moment, he killed someone and is fled from Ichi. He met Tsunao while heading towards Kyoto.



Tsunao

He is Tsunao's blood elder brother. His sword abilities rival that of Ichi. Using his sword skills, he murdered his entire clan and is currently seeking refuge with the Chosuo clan.



Higokawa
Machirou

A wielder of the Hidenbishi Ikeno-Ryu style, he is well skilled in using both the gun and the sword. His sense of assassination is stronger than most, and he is committed to the philosophy of the Jiu. Ichi sees him both as a rival and as an ally.

Other Major Characters in Ichi (Year: 1862)



**Okita
Soichi**

Since he was young he has been at the Shinsen, and his sword abilities have greatly blossomed. He serves as the young assistant instructor of the Tenmei Shishi-Ryu style. His motto is "I'll go at it y-yes, yes!"



**Ibe
Hachirou**

The last of the Shingyo-Ryu style dogs, he first began studying to become strong like Okita. There is no one else as loyal as he to the Tokugawa.



**Kondo
Isami**

He is of the fourth generation of the Tenmei-Shishi-Ryu style, and head of the Shinsen dogs. He taught his warriors sword and has been asked to use it to defend the Tama area. His adherence to the code of bushido is stronger than that of the average person.



**Hijikata
Toshizou**

He is the gate keeper of the Tenmei-Shishi-Ryu style, and is often involved in jobs such as talking people to test out new swords, during which he polishes his self taught sword-fighting skills. He really respects Kondo.



**Yamaoka
Tetsuro**

He is Takahashi Kenzaburo's younger brother-in-law. He greatly admires Kiyokawa's ideology, which appeals to him even though he is a theoretical criminal. He is also skilled in swordsmanship, and serves as a sword technique instructor at the military training facilities.



**Takahashi
Kenzaburo**

The heir of the Shogunato-Ryu style dojo, he first begins studying to become strong like Oshio. There is no one else as loyal as he to the Tokugawas.

Summary: (Year 1862)

In Touma's quest to finding the remaining member of the Yagyu clan, his elder brother, he makes the acquaintance of Saitou Hajime. Together they set off for Kyoto, but along the way became involved in an incident at Nannugui village, where several foreigners were killed. The two of them were captured and taken to the foreigner's settlement to be confined, but with the help of Touma's old friend, Dr. Hobon, they are released. However, as fugitives it will be dangerous for them to go to Yokohama, and so Hobon arranges for them to escape on the black ships. On the way they encounter mounting danger, but after Saitou offers to sacrifice himself, they are able to escape their predicament. Riding on the black ships, the two safely depart for Kyoto. On the other side, Ichii and Natsume learn that Katsu Kinsabu has left the Mito for Edo, and due to his absence they cannot meet with him. Instead, Takahashi Kenzaburo has said he wants to meet Ichii, and so Iba, Kondo, Hijikata and company go with her as she heads to meet Takahashi. Along the way they run into Kiyokawa Hachirou, who also intends to visit Takahashi. Iba quietly becomes angry as he observes Kiyokawa's attitude towards Kondo and Hijikata.

Ichi

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I NOTICED IT EARLIER. YOU REALLY DON'T SEEM LIKE A BARBERS. IT'S EVIDENT IN YOUR ATTITUDE.



SO THAT STORY ABOUT BARBERS BEING ACCEPTED BY GUARDIANS OF THEIR SOCIAL STATUS WAS FALSE, HUN?



ISN'T THAT SO, KITCHEN-SAM?

I GUESS YOU'VE GONE KIND OF A DRINKING, THEN.

Chapter 35:
Missing Heart





AS A BROTHER-IN-LAW, YOU SHOULD ALREADY UNDERSTAND...

HELL
NO!

DUE TO THE
VARIANCE IN
SOCIAL STATUS,
THERE WILL
UNDOUBTEDLY
BE DIVISIONS.
THIS WILL ONLY
LEAD TO MORE
DISSENT AMONG
THE BARRIS.



RECKONING
BOOKS AND
RESPECT THEM
WHOLEHEART
FOLLY.

MY TREASURED
FRIENDS FROM
THE ROAD - IT IS
THEIR LOYALTY
TO TORGUUS
THAT IS THE
REAL DEAL.



I
ABSOLUTELY
WILL NOT
FORGIVE
ANYONE WHO
MOCKS
THEM.



IT WAS MY
ADVANTAGE.

HOLY... I
UNDERSTAND.





... IT SEEMS
SHE RETURNED
WITHOUT DIS-
APPOINTMENT
WHILE UBA-SAM
DEFERRED
THOSE TWO'S
REQUESTION
JUST NOW.

Uba-sam
has really
changed.



Somehow,
it seems to
be due to
your influ-
ence on
him.



In particular,
his approach
with words
has changed.











HE IS
FAMILIAR WITH JOE
KOSLOVSKY AND
IS CURRENTLY
WAITING FOR
THE MOMENT'S
TRIGGER.

THIS IS
YAMAGUCHI
TETSUROU,
MY YOUNGER
BROTHER.



DESPERATE TIMES
CALL FOR DESPERATE
MEASURES. WE
SHOULD NOT FIGHT
ALONE. THERE ARE
MANY EXCELLENT
REASONABLE TO
TAKE ADVANTAGE
OF.

WE SHOULD SEND
THOSE JOE KOSLOVSKY
TRAITORS WHO ARE
BUSINESS WITH
SAKE IN (X) TO
THE IRON
CANNON TO FACE
THE SHOGUN'S
VANGUARD.

AND SO, WITH
MYSELF AS
ONE OF THE
LEADERS, WE
WILL ALSO
PUT TO-
GETHER A
SQUAD.



AS ONE
OF TODAY'S
WARRIORS, I
CAN SAY THAT
IT IS A TRULY
MAGNIFICENT
SOLUTION.

"EXALTATION"
ISN'T NEARLY
ENOUGH TO
DESCRIBE THE
EXTENT MY
EMOTIONS -
IT'S CLOSER TO
WORSHIP.



OH-OH-OH,
WHAT DO YOU
INTEND TO DO
NOW?

...I PLAN TO
PROCEED TO
THE CAPITAL
TOGETHER WITH
THE SHOGUN
AND THE OTHER
WARRIORS.



.....



I HEARD THAT
YOU LOST
YOUR CHANCE
TO MEET WITH
KATSU
KASHIHO-
DOKO.



IT SEEMS AN
ACQUAIN-
TANCE OF
MINE MAY BE
THERE.

I WILL
ALSO BE
HEADING
TO KYOTO



...ARE YOU
REFERRING
TO FLURRY
TOUAA-
DOH?



.....



IS
THAT
SOTI?

.....
... I
DON'T
REALLY
KNOW.



DO YOU
WANT TO
MEET UP
WITH THAT
UMBRELLA
PLAN
AFTER
ALL?

SCHI-
CAN...
WAIT,
WHAT?!



IT'S
POSSI-
BLE TO
WISSO? LIKE
THAT.



NO, THAT'S
BAD, VERY
BAD!

RIGHT NOW,
THE CAPITAL
IS DANGEROUS
AND ON TOP
OF THAT
WELL, THAT IS
UPL, UPL...





GOZE-
DONO.

WE WILL
MEET
AGAIN.



THANK
YOU FOR
YOUR
HOSPI-
TALITY.

I HAVE
ANOTHER
ENGAGE-
MENT TO
ATTEND TO,
AND SO I
WILL TAKE
MY LEAVE.







MOREOVER, THE BEST PART IS THAT BECAUSE OF THAT CLUSTER OF PEOPLE OF LOW STATUS, THE SHOGLATE'S CURRENT POLICY IS ACTUALLY BENEFICIAL TO HIS SCHEME.

THE JOYS OF LOGOS HAS NOT BEEN DISTORTED BECAUSE EVERYTHING IS ARRANGED ACCORDING TO HIS PLAN.



NOW WE CAN AT LEAST BE A PART OF HIS CONSPIRACY PLAN.

BOTH TAKAHASHI-SHINOBU AND I HAVE FOUND IT DIFFICULT TO DRAW HIS ATTENTION.

BUT IT SEEMS WE WERE FINALLY ABLE TO DO IT THIS TIME.



UM... SO WAS KYOGAKU-RAIJI FUSED TOGETHER WITH HIS WIFE?



SO HE HAS A PLAN, ?

I'd like to find a way to rescue her.

...My wife was captured by the Shogunate because of my beliefs.



SHE WAS BRUTALLY
TORTURED AND
POKEMAN-DOGO
WATCHED IT UNTIL
THE VERY END.

!?



...OREN-DOGO
WAS KILLED IN
JAIL.



EVEN IF
SOMETHING
LIKE THAT
HAPPENS,
YOU CAN
NEVER...

IT'S
NOT AS
SIMPLE AS
THAT.



SINCE THAT GUY
HAD NO SOME
RESENTMENT
AGAINST THE
COMMUNITY,
IT'S EXTREMELY
STRANGE THAT
HE WOULD
USE THE
SHOULDER'S
POWER.

HOWEVER,
IT'S
BECAUSE OF
THAT, THAT
I CAN'T
TRUST HIM.



REMEMBER...

WE ARE
SURVIVING
THROUGH
THOSE
CIRCUM-
STANCES.



THAT IS THE
HAPPEN-
ING POINT
OF THE JOI
MOVEMENT.







IN THE FUTURE
HE'LL PROBABLY
BECOME A
PROUD
YOUNG MAN,
BUT...

HE'LL
GROW
OUTGROWN
THAT
YOUTHFUL-
NESS.



Simple...?

It's not
as simple
as that.



JEET...

IDA CAN
GET ANGRY
AS A LITTLE
TENGU.

I'M A
tengu is a
mythical
japanese
creature,
said to
be "tear-
only dog".



The impor-
tance of such
a righteous
warrior - of
course we
have to
respect it.

What on
earth could
be simple
about his
wife, jarring
killed...



Being
separated
like
that...



... THERE IS
SOME TH
THAT BRING
YOU TWO
TO KONOHA-
DONO.



WE WERE
NEARLY
KILLED.

YE-YES,
HE SAVED
OUR
LIVES
ONCE.



Perhaps it's
because I'm
a woman
that I under-
stand...



...JUST BEFORE
HAPPENED.



THAT JOEL...
WHAT DOES IT
MEAN?

...IF YOUR
TRUE INTEN-
TION IS TO GO
TO HOTO,
THEN I HAVE
AN SMALL JOB
I'D LIKE YOU
TO DO.

HOW
ABOUT
IT?



WANT
TO GO
ACCOMPANY
HYORAMA-
DOKU?



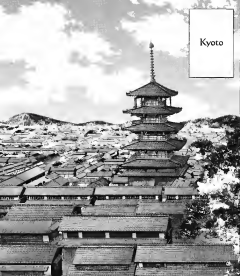
I WANT YOU
TO CON-
STANTLY
WATCH HER
AND OB-
SERVE HER
ACTIONS.

AS TETSU-
TAROU SAYS,
THE CURRENT
REFORMA-
TION IS VERY
DANGEROUS.



THAT IS MY
FORMAL
REQUEST.

Kyoto





SHH, HE
CAN HEAR
YOU!

WHAT'S GOING
ON... THAT
CUSTOMER HAS
BEEN STANDING
AT THOSE
SHOES FOR
OVER AN HOUR
ALREADY.



IT WOULD
BECOME A
BIG DRAGON.

HA, HE'S
LEAVING!



BUT WHAT I
SAID WAS
TRUE...

SEE, I'M
A CHILD
YOU SAID
SOMETHING
WORTH!





SEEMS LIKE
EVERYONE
HERE CAME
FROM FOD.

IF THEY'RE
KOSHIDA-
SENSEI'S
PEOPLE, THEY
PROBABLY
AREN'T BAD.

THOSE
PEOPLE ARE
FROM THE
KOSHIDA
GUILD.



FOR NOW, IT
SEEMS THAT
THEY ARE EN-
PLOYERS OF
THE SHODU-
NIN, BUT...

COME TO THINK
OF IT, TWO
HUNDRED SOLDIERS
THAT A LOT OF
SOLDIERS HAVE
BEEN ASSAM-
BLING NEAR
FOD.



I DON'T KNOW IF
THEY'RE SHODUJIN
MAJORS. FURTHER-
MORE, IF THE
NUMBER OF
UNLAWFUL WARRIORS
AT THE CAPITAL IS
INCREASING,
SOMETHING IS
DEFINITELY
STARTING.

REGARDLESS
OF SOCIAL
STATUS, THOSE
WHO ARE
SUFFERING IN A
MATERIAL WAY
ARE VOLUN-
TEERING IN
GROVES.

*Without regard
for social
status...*

*Warriors are
gathering...*





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Chapter 36:
Unyielding
Determination



Total number
of ronin:
234
All entering
Tokyo

3rd Year of the
Bunkyo Era
February
[1863]
Kyoto







two years after the 1st Shogun Iemitsu's death, the journey towards Kyoto signaled the decline of the Shogunates's power.

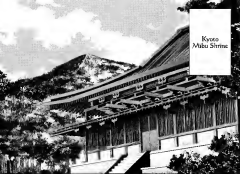
In March of the same year, The Emperor of Japan and the 14th Shogun, Tokugawa Iemitsu, took decisive action towards the capital of Edo. Thus began the march towards Kyoto.



Tokubashi Kenzaburo also joined the ranks of these troops.

However, the group of men who were supposed to intercept the Shogun's bodyguards were nowhere to be seen.





Kyoto
Mibu Shrine





WHAT IS
THE WORLD IS
HE TRYING TO
ACCOMPLISH?



IT'S
ONLY BEEN A
FEW DAYS SINCE
THEIR ARRIVAL
AT MOTO,
SO...

NO MATTER
WHAT YOU
SAY, IT'S
IMPOSSIBLE



**MORE
IMPORTANTLY,
LADIES AND
GENTLEMEN, I
HAVE SOME-
THING TO
SAY!!**

Miba
Village
Shrineokan



**OUR TRUE
PURPOSE IS
NOT TO BE
THE SHOGUN'S
BODYGUARDS!**



THE EMPEROR'S IMPERIAL COMMAND RECOGNIZES OUR STRENGTH AS SOHNS HERE IN KYOTO!

OUR LIVES ARE DEDICATED TO DRIVING OUT THE FOREIGNERS!



AS VANGUARDS WHO HAVE BEEN BESTOWED THE EMPEROR'S FAVOR, IS WAR NOT IN THE BEST INTEREST OF OUR COUNTRY?!



WE SOHNS WILL PREPARE FOR THE WAR AGAINST THE BARBARIANS AND RECLAIM EDO!



...HEY.

WE JUST ARRIVED IN THE KYOTO AND NOW WE HAVE TO RETURN TO EDO...!!



WHAT EXACTLY IS GOING ON?



YOU'VE
ATTRIBUTED
TO OURN'T THE
SHOGUNATE?

NOW
AND THEN
DO YOU
THINK,

DON'T THE
ROLE OF PRO-
TECTING WAR-
ING GIVEN TO
THE IMPERIAL
COMMAND?

IN THE END,
YOU JUST
USED THE
SHOGUNATE'S
POWER TO
GATHER
PEOPLE.

STOP
JOKING
AROUND.

AS
SECOND-IN-
COMMAND,
YOU'RE
NOTHING
BUT A
JOKER.

EVERY ONE
OF THE TOP
MURDER HAS
THOROUGHLY
MANAGED TO
DECEIVE US,
DARRR IT.







OF COURSE,
WE BELONG
TO KONDOLU-SAN AFTER ALL.



ASIDE FROM
THE DOWN
HILLING TO
WITHDRAWAL,
THEIR SALARY
HAS YET TO BE
PAID AND THEIR
SOCIAL STATUS
HAVEN'T IMPROVED.

HOW-
EVER, WE'RE
ACTUALLY IN
A BIND.

AT THIS RATE,
THESE WILL
BE DISSENT
AMONG THE
DOWN.



JUST WHAT
IS GOING
ON...



.....

YOUR LOYALTY
IS ADMIRABLE,
KONDOLU-
SAN...





WHEN THE
TIME COMES,
YOUR CLOSEST
VASSALS WILL
PROTECT YOU.

INSTEAD
OF BEING ALL
FURNISHED
BY HIM, YOU
SHOULD BE
BRACING
A DIGNIFIED
BARRID.



AA...

Good
gnd, that's
exactly
right.



How
pathetic
of me...



TEMMO.

ARE YOU
SERIOUS?



IT'S ONLY BEEN A FEW
DAYS SINCE
THE REMAINING
GOKU HAVE
DETACHED TO
FDO, RIGHT?

ALL
WHY
DOES
IT...



IT WOULD
UNDESIRABLE
IF I DIDN'T DO
THE SAME.

I AM QUITE
SERIOUS.

EARLIER, YOU
GUYS SAID
YOU WERE
DISKING YOUR
LIVES FOR
ME.



LIKE YOU
GUYS ARE
TALKING
ABOUT SOME-
THING DAN-
GEROUS.

...IT
WOULD
BEHOLD.



!!



YOU GUYS
ARE...!!







UNDER-
STOOD.

YOUR
WILL CARRY
THIS OUT



CAN YOU
MAKE SURE
THIS MEMO IS
DELIVERED
TO THE
HONSAI-
HONGAI?



EXCUSE ME...
MY HUSBAND IS
THE ONE WHO
REQUESTED
THIS, BUT...



I GOT IT...
I GOT IT...

WELL THEN
NYOGARA-
SAMA, LET US
TAKE OUR
LEAVE AS
WELL

SINCE
YOU'RE THEN
DRUNK... WE'LL
ACCOMPANY
YOU UNTIL NEW
VILLAGE.





WHY

...ARE YOU
ANGRY?



YOU GUYS
INCLUDED

FOR THE
SAKE OF OUR
CLASSIC
PLAN, I HAD
TO DECEIVE
MANY PEOPLE



WITH THIS, WE
ARE FINALLY
FREE OF THAT
HINDRANCE...
WE'LL BE ABLE
TO SUBMIT
OUR PLAN TO
DRIVE OUT ALL
THE FOREIGN-
ERS.

WHO
CARE'S.



DO YOU UNDER-
STAND, JUST HOW
DANGEROUS OUR
SITUATION IS BY
USING THE
EMPEROR'S IMPE-
RIAL COMMAND
FOR SOMETHING
THAT CAN'T BE
MADE PUBLIC?

THE ONES
WHO ARE
ANGRY
AREN'T USE-
FUL BUT DAMNED
THOSE WHO
MILDS TO
THE SHOGU-
NATE.



AT LEAST
LAST...





KIYO-
KAWA!!!

PREPARE
YOURSELF!









IBA-
SAMA!!

YOU, HOW
HAVE YOU BEEN,
KOKORU-
SAN?!!



DAWA.



THAT WOULD
SEEM TO BE
THE CASE.

AS
EXPECTED,
ORDINARY
METHODS
WOULDN'T WORK,
HUH.



OF ALL
THE PEOPLE,
THIS GROOM
HAD TO BE
THE ESCORT...



...IT
DIDN'T
MATTER
WHO IT IS



KIYOKAWA
HACHIROU.

I WILL
KILL YOU!!

ICHU
市

ICH
市



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STEP
ASIDE,
ICHI-SAN.



KIYOKAWA
MUST
DIE!!

Chapter 37:
Kiyokawa's Path





IT'S
NOT "I",
BUT RATHER
"WE", YOU
IDOT.



TO BE
HONEST,
I'M OVER-
JOYED.



SINCE THE
MOMENT I FIRST
MET YOU, I'VE
THOUGHT ABOUT
KILLING YOU.



KINOKAWA-SAMA HAS
BEEN BE-
STOWED THE
HONOR OF
THE IMPERIAL
COMMAND.

PLEASE
STOP
THIS!

ARE YOU
PREPARED
TO COMMIT
SEPPUKU
FOR DOING
SOMETHING
LIKE THIS?



YOU...
IDiot..

OH, IT'S
TRUE THAT IF
KINOKAWA-SAN WERE
TO ALSO COMMIT
SEPPUKU, KINOKAWA-
SAN WOULD BE
LIVED.



LET'S SEND
THIS YOUNG
GIRL BACK!

IT'S NOT
AS IF WE HAVE
ANYTHING LEFT
TO LOSE
EXCEPT OUR
LIVES.











HOWEVER,
THAT ASIDE,
I ALSO FELL
IN LOVE
WITH YOUR
BLADE!!



YOU
KNOW,
ICHI-
SAN,

FROM THE
MOMENT I
FIRST LAID
EYES ON
YOU, I HEARD
YOU.

I CAN'T
HELP BUT BE
OVERJOYED AT
BEING ABLE TO
CROSS BLADES
WITH YOU
LIKE THIS!















I PRESUME YOU
ARE PREPARED
TO RECEIVE YOUR
PUNISHMENT?





IT'S A
MEMENTO
FROM MY
GRANDFATHER,
HITOYUKI.

PLEASE
TAKE THIS.



WHA...?



I WILL ALSO
BECOME A
PART OF THOSE
SACRIFICES.

IF YOU
PLAN ON
THROWING AWAY
THE SACRIFICES
OF ALL THOSE WHO
HAVE BELIEVED
IN YOU,

ALL THE
TIME I'VE SUP-
PORTED YOU,
TRUSTING MY
INSTINCTS



Please cut
me down!

If you
think I'm
mistaken,





NOW IS
NOT THE
TIME FOR US
TO BE THINK-
ING ABOUT
THIS

...THIS
WON'T
DO

.....



I'VE STILL HERE A
MOUNTAIN OF
THINGS LEFT TO
ACCOMPLISH

YOUR
MATTER WAS
CORRECT



Oren...!!





ME?

IT'S
THANKS
TO YOU,
KYOKAWA-
SAMA.



SAVE ME
REASSURANCE

ONLY
KYOKAWA-
SAMA.



FOR THE SAKE
OF MY COUNTRY,
I DID WHAT I
COULD NOT AS
A SON, BUT AS
A BUY

SINCE
I WAS YOUNG,
I HAVE YEARNED
FOR MY GRAND-
FATHER'S WORD

TO THE
EXTENT WHERE
I TALKED AND
LAUGHED LIKE
ONE



FROM YOU,
I FOUND THE
LIFTING COURAGE
TO ACCOMPLISH
ANYTHING

I AM VERY
HAPPY THAT
RYORAWA-SAMA
WAS ABLE TO
OVERCOME HIS
ADVERSARIES AND
MOVE FORWARD,
ONE STEP AT
A TIME

I CAN NOW
WALK MY OWN
PATH.



*Walk down the
path you believe in.*



You should...









IS HE A
MONSTER...?!





ICHU
市

ICHII
市



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Chapter 38:
The Blade I Fell in Love With





IF TAKAHASHI-SENSEI CAN'T DO
ANYTHING, THEN
NOTHING WILL
WORK!

DARN IT
AT SUCH A
DANGEROUS...



HOWEVER,
THERE IS
A WORTHY
ADVERSARY...



*I have
put in much
blood, sweat,
and tears to
come this
far.*

*She is
my goal.*



*I will
definitely
win!!!*



IF YOU
ARE SERIOUS...
THEN THERE'S NO
HELPING IT.



HOWEVER,
I...

...WILL NOT TAKE
RESPONSIBILITY
FOR WHAT WILL
HAPPEN NEXT.



TAJIN MADO IS THE ART OF DRAWING ONE'S SWORDS



What is
this...?



laido!!





My body is
reacting on
its own.

This does
not bode
well for me.



I am....

Even
though it's
right in
front of my
eyes....

Even
though
I can see
death
just over
yonder...



...NOT
GOING DOWN
WITHOUT
A FIGHT...!





ARE
YOU STILL
ALIVE?



I STOPPED AT
JUST A HAND'S
LENGTH.





YOU ARE
NOT YET
READY,

TO CUT
ME.





WITH THIS,
I WILL NOW
COUNT
SEOPHILL

THANK YOU,
JOE-SAN



I'M COUNTING
ON YOU TO BE
MY WITNESS







WILL THE HUMILIATION
FROM BEING HIT
BY A WOMAN
SUFFICE AS
PUNISHMENT?

TAKAHASHI-
DONO.



I WILL KEEP
EVERYTHING A
SECRET.

I
UNDERSTAND.

PLEASE
REFLECT
ON YOUR
ACTIONS.



FORTUNATELY,
THERE WEREN'T
ANY INJURIES.



OUCH!!

OWAA
AA!



WELL
THEN,
I'LL BE
RETURNING
TO ISLAND.

AS
FOR
THOSE
TWO
PEOPLE
HERE...



WELL?
OOTA-
DONO,
HURATA-
DONO.



I WILL KEEP
AN EYE ON
KYOICHA'S
DONO, SO
PLEASE
DISCARD ALL
THOSE
UNNECESSARY
IDEAS OF
YOURS.

REGARDING
THE SAMURAI
THIS TIME,
I HAVE
DECIDED ON
THE PROPER
COURSE OF
ACTION.





THESE SHOULDN'T
BE ANY PROBLEMS
WITH THE IMPERIAL
COMMAND IF YOU
TWO WERE TO
REMAIN IN THE
CAPITAL.

ANYHOW,
STOP DOING
YOUR VIOLENCE.
KACHIKOU-DONO
DOES UNDER-
STAND WHERE
YOU TWO ARE
COMING FROM.



FROM NOW ON,
I WANT YOU TO
DEVOTE YOUR-
SELF TO THE
SHOGUNATE'S
CAUSE

PLEASE
ACCEPT THIS
RESPONSIBILITY



AS FOR
THE SOCIAL
STANDING
MENTIONED
EARLIER, I PLAN
TO BE OF
ASSISTANCE

I...





IT
SEEMS
SO.





NO,
I DIDN'T
KILL HIM

THAT
ASIDE,



DID
YOU END
UP KILLING
KYOKAWA?



YES, QUITE
UNBELIEVABLE



IS SHE
THE BLIND
SWORDS-
WOMAN
YOU SPOKE
ABOUT?

INDEED,
SHE IS QUITE
UNBELIEVABLE



IT'D BE
AMAZING IF I
COULD MEET
WITH HER
AGAIN.

HOWEVER,
IT'S NOT THAT IT'S
UNDESIRABLE,
BUT RATHER IT'S
ATTRACTIVE.



I absolutely
can't meet with her,
especially not after
being in such the spirit
since we last
separated.

There's no
way I can
do that!

Hah?

...YOU
AREN'T
GOING TO
GO AWAY
WITH HER?



And also...

THAT'S
EXACTLY
RIGHT!!

IS THAT
THE CASE?







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Chapter 39: Confronting Tomorrow's Challenge









I'LL
BE A MAN
WORTHY OF
YOU NEXT TIME
WE MEET.

SO
UNTIL THEN,
DON'T GET
ATTACHED TO
ANOTHER
GUY!!









Kyoto Mibu
village –
Mushura
household



Kyoto
Protection
Agency

Mibu
Ronins



TO THINK
THAT I WOULD
BE ABLE TO SEE
SAITOU-KUN IN
THIS CAPITAL...

SOONER
OR LATER, IS
THIS FATE?



YOU
FLATTER
ME.

YOU JOINING
US HAS BEEN
VERY DEAD-
DURING.

THERE SHOULD
BE LESS PEOPLE
TRYING TO
SUCCEED THAN
THAT RIGHT,
MURATA-SAN?

WE ALSO HAVE
TEACHER-SAN'S
ASSISTANCE,
AS WELL AS THE
NEWLY FORMED
KYOTO PROTEC-
TION AGENCY.
WARRIORS ARE
BEING HANDED
OUT TOO.

YOU
IDiot
COMMANDER
...!!

!





FLATTERHOUSE,
AS A NARRATOR, HE
IS AN ADVOCATE
OF IMPERIAL RULE.
THIS CORRELATES
WITH OUR
INTERESTS

IT'S HARD
FOR ME TO
BELIEVE HE HAS
NO SENSE OF
DIRECTION, BUT
AS FAR AS
IDEALS ARE
CONCERNED,
HE IS QUITE
SKILLED



HE IS AN
EXTREMELY
DELIABLE
PERSON.

TO BE ABLE
TO GUIDE THE
NEWLY FORMED
GROUP OF ARMY
SAMURAI,



Her
swordsmanship
was truly
splendid.



I must
strengthen
my heart.



But, that
wasn't
the case.

It has been
that way
since the first
time I met
her.

I thought
that if I was
by her side,
becoming
stronger
would be
a simple
matter.



By my own
power...

From this
point on,

















You...



WHAT
ARE YOU
STILL
DOING IN
KYOTO!

THAT'S WHAT
I NORMALLY
WOULD SAY,
BUT I DON'T
WANT TO
WEAR IT!

WELL, I
KIND OF
DO!!



BUT I...



I WILL
DEFINITELY
ACCOMPLISH
MY GOAL.



BUT IF I DO
MANAGE TO
STAY ALIVE, AT
THAT TIME...

I'M NOT SURE
IF I'LL BE ABLE
TO STAY ALIVE
UNTIL THE
VERY END.



PARTNER!

ISN'T
THAT
RIGHT,

THE ONLY
ONE WHO CAN
TRAVEL TOGETHER
WITH ME.

AND KEEP ME
COMPANY IS
NONE OTHER
THAN YOURSELF.



...YES.





PLEASE
POLISH YOUR
SKILLS AS
MUCH AS
POSSIBLE

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